

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application, in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 2-70 are pending.

In the Official Action, the Information Disclosure Statement of March 8, 2005 was objected to; and Claims 2-70 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-69 of U.S. Patent 6,725,203.

Regarding the Information Disclosure Statement, no form 1449 was filed with the Japanese Office Action because the Japanese Office Action is not prior art but is merely provided to the Examiner for the Examiner's convenience. Applicants submit that no actions are required on this issue.

Applicants file herewith a Terminal Disclaimer relative to U.S. Patent 6,725,203.

Accordingly, in light of the previous discussion, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and respectfully request an early and favorable action to that effect.

Respectfully submitted,

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